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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I was taken for increasing rates and low service by ATT and then Comcast. I decided to use Sonic and have had no problems until now when I heard that there is a petition to remove their access to unbundled elements critical to Sonic's growth. I thought the FCC supported fair trade for local businesses. These complaining providers are out of line, literally. Competition keeps me from paying more than I can afford for basic communication services. I am retired and 67 years old with costs on everything going up. Without these unbundled elements Sonic rates will have to go up and nobody will be safe from rates going out of control and people like me with no option except isolation. TV used to be free and phones were 24 dollars a month or 50 cents with public phones. Why doesn't the FCC, a government agency, stand up for us? Please do not grant the petition to deny access to unbundled elements to Sonic and other small local competitors. Don't let those big bullies push you and us around.

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